

Welsh Government Education Update Covid-19

Changes to the admission appeals regulations during the coronavirus outbreak

On the 4th May 2020, Welsh Government (WG) released temporary changes to School Admissions Appeals. The document entitled "Education update Covid-19" can be found [here](#).

The new temporary regulations will remain in force until 31st January 2021.

The temporary regulations will apply to:

- Appeals lodged between 4th May 2020 and 31st January 2021
- Appeals that have already been lodged before 4th May 2020 but have not yet been decided

The key changes are:

1. All applications refused after the 28th February 2020 need a **minimum of 28 calendar days to lodge an appeal**.
2. Any application refused with **less than 28 calendar days to lodge an appeal**; parents will be emailed with a new deadline (giving 28 calendar days) to lodge an appeal.
3. There is **no requirement to re-submit an appeal** if already done so.
4. **Face-to face appeal hearings** have been **replaced** by **telephone or video conferencing**. Where telephone or video conferencing is not possible a decision will be determined using your **written submission only**.

What does it mean for you as a parent:

5. You will be given a **minimum of 28 calendar days** to appeal against refusal of a school place.
6. You **do not** need to re-submit your appeal.
7. If you have been refused a place at a school, you **still have the right to appeal** against the decision.
8. You will still have the right to discuss and put your case forward **in person** to an independent Admissions Appeal Panel
9. You **will not** be asked to have a face to face meeting
10. **You will have the choice** to meet via the telephone or video conferencing or just through a written statement.

Full guidance will be provided to support your appeal once it's been submitted. Email queries on the Appeals process to independentadmissionappealspanel@carmarthenshire.gov.uk